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Classified By: Ambassador Victoria Nuland for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Ambassador Nuland delivered reftel A talking points to key Ally Ambassadors (strictly protect) on October 24, informing them of U.S. support for Romania as host for the 2008 NATO summit. German Perm Rep Duckwitz said Berlin was still reviewing the options, though they previously had supported Portugal. UK Perm Rep Eldon said the UK was also leaning toward Lisbon out of preference for an older ally to host the 2008 Summit and because Portugal asked first. French Perm Rep Duque said France was open to Romania as host, but remained undecided.

[1](#)2. (C) Ambassador also delivered the talking points on an individual basis to other Allied Perm Reps, most of whom still had no instructions. A very angry Portugese Perm Rep Gomes raised the issue with the Ambassador privately and accused the U.S. of insufficient warning to Portugal of its decision. He said Portugal intended to keep its candidacy open.

[1](#)3. (C) We will continue to inform and lobby delegations on an individual basis.  
NULAND